

CLAIMS

What is claimed is new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims:

1. An audio/video control device comprising:
 - a) a base unit including:
 - i) a housing having a recess extending therein;
 - ii) a first processor for controlling operation of said base unit;
 - iii) a first audio/video storage and reproduction device positioned within said housing and controlled by said processor to one of store and reproduce at least one of audio and video signals thereon;
 - iv) first means for connection with an external source of audio and video signals for at least one of reproduction and storage by said base unit; and

- iv) means for reproducing and storing audio and video signals on a storage medium;
- v) a second audio/video storage and reproduction device positioned within said housing and controlled by said processor; and
- vi) second means for connection with an external source of audio and video signals for reproduction and storage by said base unit, wherein a user is able to operate said base unit and said portable unit either jointly or separably through at least one of audible and manual control signals.

2. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said base unit further includes means for connecting said first processor with said second processor positioned within said recess.

3. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 2, wherein said base unit further includes a speaker connected to said first processor for audibly providing operating instructions to a user for controlling operation of said device.

4. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said first audio/video storage and reproduction device is a read/write CD ROM drive.

5. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said first audio/video storage and reproduction device is a memory card port for receiving a memory card, said memory card including means for storing audio and video data thereon and a rechargeable battery, wherein said memory card is connected to said first microprocessor upon insertion into said memory port.

6. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said second audio/video storage and reproduction device is a memory card port for receiving a memory card, said memory card including means for storing audio and video data thereon and a rechargeable battery, wherein said memory card is connected to said first microprocessor upon insertion into said memory port.

7. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 3, wherein said base unit further includes a memory card port for receiving a memory card, said memory card including means for storing audio and video data thereon and a rechargeable battery, wherein said memory card is connected to said first microprocessor upon insertion into said memory port.

12. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said second means for connection with an external source of audio and video signals is a cellular transmitter/receiver.

13. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 17, wherein said base unit further includes a second memory card port for receiving a memory card, said memory card including means for storing audio and video data thereon and a rechargeable battery, wherein said memory card is connected to said first microprocessor upon insertion into said memory port.

14. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said means for receiving audible control signals is a microphone.

15. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said portable unit further includes a headphone jack connected to said second processor for audibilizing reproduced audio signals.

16. The audio/video control device as recited in Claim 1, wherein said portable unit further includes a speaker connected to said second processor for audibilizing reproduced audio signals.

- iii) a second receiver for receiving audio and/or video signals from said central unit;
- iv) a second processor;
- v) control keys for generating control signals and controlling said processor to activate said transmitter to transmit said access number and control signals to said central station;
- vi) a speaker for reproducing audio signals received from said central station; and
- vii) a display for reproducing video signals received from said central station, wherein when a user desires to listen to audio signals and/or view video signals transmitted by said central unit, the user activates said control keys causing said second transmitter to transmit said access number to said central station whereupon said first processor checks the access number against said data base of acceptable access numbers and upon determining said access number is acceptable, said first transmitter transmits audio and/or video signals to said audio/video control device for reproduction thereby.

